



# CITY OF LONG BEACH DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE COMMISSION ON YOUTH AND CHILDREN SEPTEMBER 24, 2008

#### **MINUTES**

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Soth called the meeting of the Commission on Youth and Children (CYC) to order at approximately 5:10 p.m., in the Parks, Recreation and Marine administration building's large conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed.

Present: Mary Soth, Early Childhood Development, Co-Chair

Ana Mora, 9<sup>th</sup> District Youth, Co Vice-Chair Rebecca Turrentine, Education, Co Vice-Chair

Helen Ingram, Education Jessica Quintana, Parent

Marty Isozaki, Job Training Marc Rothenberg, Juvenile Justice

Jeanetta McAlpin, Social Services Jon Meyer, LBUSD Board of Education

Absent: Excused – Victor Perez, Health

Excused – Chelsii Summerville, 4<sup>th</sup> District Youth, Co Vice-Chair

Excused – Stephanie Viramontes, 7<sup>th</sup> District Youth

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VACANT, Youth Enrichment

Staff: Sherri Nixon-Joiner, General Recreation Superintendent, Community

Recreation Services, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine

Marla Camerino, Clerical Support, Department of Parks, Recreation and

Marine

Guests: Lupe Velasco, Centro CHA

Francisco Martinez, Centro CHA

Terry Amsler, Institute for Local Government

#### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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It was moved by Commissioner Turrentine and seconded by Commissioner Ingram to approve the August 27, 2008 minutes, with a noted correction by Commissioner Turrentine. The motion carried unanimously.

# III. COMMENTS: TIME GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSIONERS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS WITHIN THE JURISDICITION OF THE COMMISSION. EACH PERSON WILL BE ALLOWED 3 MINUTES UNLESS EXTENDED BY THE COMMISSION

Lupe Velasco and Francisco Martinez of Centro CHA informed the CYC that due to unforeseen circumstances, they were not able to host their Fiesta Patrias event in which Centro CHA's LEAP program was awarded a grant to assist in funding the event. Ms. Velasco and Mr. Martinez asked for consideration from the CYC to utilize the funds for a different event.

It was determined that the CYC would allow the group to resubmit their proposal. Upon receipt of the revised proposal, the Long Beach Youth Fund Committee would convene to discuss and will then make recommendations to the CYC at its next monthly meeting.

# IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

A. Monthly Citywide Services Report to Commission 🗹

Ms. Nixon-Joiner stated that the report was attached to the monthly packet.

# V. <u>CO-CHAIRS REPORT TO THE COMMISSION</u>

#### A. Co-Chair Soth

Co-Chair Soth reported that the U.S. Conference of Mayors adopted the Cradle to Prison Pipeline® resolution and distributed a copy of the resolution to the commissioners.

#### **B.** Co-Chair Summerville

Co-Chair Summerville was not present to report.

#### VI. <u>REPORTS</u>

#### A. Standing Committees

**1.** <u>Executive Committee</u> Co-Chairs Soth and Summerville, Co Vice-Chairs Turrentine and Mora, Commissioner Meyer

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Co-Chair Soth reported that the Executive Committee met to discuss tonight's agenda.

# **B. Special Committees**

 Long Beach Youth Fund Committee - Commissioners Mora, Summerville, Ingram, McAlpin

There was no new information to report.

# a) American Red Cross Youth Council Update

Staff reported that the American Red Cross Youth Council will be hosting a Where is the Love Community Festival on October 25.

2. Profile Committee Commissioners Soth, McAlpin, Summerville, Mora

The Profile Committee did not meet.

#### C. Standing Item Reports

# 1. <u>District Level Youth Advisory Councils - Report on DLYAC meetings</u>

Commissioner Mora reported that the 9<sup>th</sup> District Level Youth Advisory Council hosted a cleanup event on Artesia Boulevard, between Atlantic Avenue and Cherry Avenue.

**2.** Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Task Force - Commissioners Rothenberg, Summerville

Commissioner Rothenberg reported that the Task Force met to discuss various events that have taken place and events that would be taking place. In addition, Task Force members received mockups of various pamphlets for youth and parents.

**2.** <u>Safe and Smart After School Sustainability Committee</u> - Commissioners Turrentine, Meyer

Commissioner Meyer did not have any new information to report.

#### D. Non-Committee Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Rothenberg distributed information on the Do Something' Plum Youth Grant, which is a \$500 grant being offered to youth interested in doing something to better their community.

#### VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### A. Long Beach WRAP After School Program Event

**Recommended Action:** Endorse the Long Beach WRAP After School Program event and approve commissioners to participate in the Planning Committee and/or torch run on behalf of the CYC.

It was moved by Commissioner Turrentine and seconded by Commissioner Rothenberg to endorse the event and approve commissioners to participate in the Planning Committee and/or torch run. The motion carried unanimously.

# VIII. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

#### A. CYC Goals

**Recommended Action:** Work to define what goals the CYC would like to achieve on issues that the CYC would like to take a position on.

Co-Chair Soth informed the commissioners that the Executive Committee discussed the possibility of goals for the commission and turned the floor over to Commissioner Turrentine.

Commissioner Turrentine stated that Co-Chair Soth asked that the CYC brainstorm on possible goals for the year. She stated that the Executive Committee would discuss and prioritize the goals, which will be brought to the next CYC meeting for approval.

 Commissioners provided their input on issues that they would like the CYC to focus their efforts on this year.

At this time, it was determined that no action is needed until the Executive Committee presents the goals to the CYC for approval.

# B. Port of Long Beach

<u>Recommended Action</u>: Approve staff to contact a representative of the Port of Long Beach to conduct a presentation on what the Port is doing to better the environment to protect the quality of air for youth and families in Long Beach.

It was moved by Commissioner Rothenberg and seconded by Commissioner Ingram to approve staff to contact a representative from the Port of Long Beach, on behalf of the CYC, to make a presentation on what the Port is doing to better the environment to protect the quality of air for youth and families in Long Beach. The motion carried unanimously.

#### C. Letter to LBUSD Activities Specialists

<u>Recommended Action</u>: Review and approve draft letter to LBUSD Activities Specialists, and approve Commissioner Meyer meeting with the Activities Specialists to present the letter on behalf of the CYC.

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It was determined that no action is needed, as the letter will not come directly from the CYC.

# D. CA League of Cities Conference – Session on Youth Commissions

<u>Recommended Action</u>: Approve commissioners to attend the session to speak on behalf of the CYC.

Mr. Amsler spoke about the Institute for Local Government and about the session on Youth Commissions that will be held at the CA League of Cities Conference.

Discussion regarding the youth component of the CA League of Cities Conference no longer available took place.

It was moved by Commissioner Rothenberg and seconded by Commissioner Ingram to approve commissioner/s to attend the Youth Commission session at the CA League of Cities Conference on behalf of the CYC. The motion carried unanimously.

### IX. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Co-Chair Soth adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m. to the next regular scheduled meeting on Wednesday, October 22, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.

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